

GAMING DEVICE NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A communication network for gaming devices includes a host and communication links leading from the host to each gaming device and back to the host, thus defining a network loop topography. Each communication link comprises an optical communication link permitting bi-directional communications. The host is adapted to detect a break in the network loop and re-route information over the appropriate portion of the link to communicate with each gaming device. In one embodiment, the network includes a security monitoring system which includes at least one sensor for detecting the position of a gaming device cabinet access door. The security monitoring system and a communication interface for the gaming device are provided with an independent or backup power supply so that they remain operational when power is shut off or lost to the remainder of the gaming device.

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